

## SAMMIES URGE AMERICANS TO WAIVE EXEMPT

Pershing's Men Send Message to Patriots Back Home.

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Pershing Inspects Camp Commander Thrills Camp, for He Came Unannounced.

Pollus Entraining Meet Pershing's Special With Oration.

BY J. W. PEGLER.  
With the American Army in France, July 31.—To the Americans back home who today are being called up for the draft army, Pershing's Sammies in France have this message:

"We didn't hesitate to offer everything we had. We are confident that you, who stayed at home will obey their consciences and waive all exemption claims unless of the utmost necessity."

The message was the composite view expressed by scores of the American fighters here today. It is not an irresponsible individual; he has been doing a lot of thinking. It is noticeable here at the training camp that the general demeanor of America's fighting forces is seriously earnest. Not that they are not cheerful, but they feel responsibility. Nearly all realize their numbers must be swelled to hundreds of thousands; that many will die, and many more will be maimed. And then they conclude they would rather be fighting in France right now than fighting a defensive fight in America later.

Pershing Reaches Camp.  
Yesterday the camp was thrilled by its commander-in-chief's first inspection. The Sammies were not apprised of General Pershing's approaching visit until the last moment. Monday morning they turned out far ahead of the usual reveille time and worked their hardest putting their picturesque white-washed billets in order and in cleaning up the little villages where they are located.

The United Press correspondent journeyed from Paris with Pershing's staff. As the train passed at one station in the camp a company of French were entraining. They spied the Sammies and tumultuously cheered. Then they hurried over to the running board of our train and with ecstatic whoops and clapping clapped hands with their American brothers in arms.

Pollus Strong for Sammies.  
The most genuine feeling of comradeship and affection had sprung up between the Sammies and the French. The French villagers likewise adore the American fighters. The salutation, "Allé, Sammies," is a familiar one now. Every morning the Sammies do out to it a supply of white flour to supply its own breads, biscuits and pastries and an enormous bakery will be erected to supply all troops.

TO USE "KRAG" RIFLES  
Congress Allots Arms for Home Guards—K. C. Forms Regiment.

Kansas City, Mo., July 31.—News has been received by R. Bryson Jones, colonel of Kansas City's home guard regiment, that by a special act of congress, about three hundred thousand "Krag" rifles used in the Spanish-American war—have been set aside for use by Home Guard units throughout the country. Colonel Jones announced he would ask the government for 2,000 of these guns for the local regiment. In the meantime citizens have been called upon to lend 12-gauge shotguns to the regiment for temporary use.

Present intentions are to recruit the local unit to a strength of about 1,600 men who will replace the national guard troops for guard duty within the state, when the latter are called to federal service.

DEMAND \$6, 6-HR. DAY  
I. W. W. Iron Workers Declare Strike When Operators Refuse Demand.

Bessemer, Mich., July 31.—That the red flag of the I. W. W.'s must not wave over the upper peninsula was the word sent down the line of deputy sheriffs and members of the state constabulary, who were stationed here today to quell rioting or disturbances expected to result from the refusal of mine operators to accede to demands of the I. W. W.

The iron workers yesterday voted in favor of an immediate walk-out, following refusal of the owners to grant their demands for a 36 six-hour day. The vote affects the entire Gogebic iron range. Mounted troops were moved to Ironwood, where violence was expected to develop.

FIND ELEVEN BODIES  
Of 54 Lumber Company Employees Trapped by Fire, 30 Escaped.

Fernie, B. C., July 30.—Eleven bodies have been recovered by rescuers trailing the forest fire, which trapped fifty-four employees of the Elk Lumber company along the Spruce River, near here.

Thirty are known to have escaped. The death toll will mount as the searching parties continue, it is believed. The fire is under control today.

ATTACK KANSAS RATE  
"Kansas Natural" Stockholders Testify Against 28-cent Rate.

Minneapolis, July 31.—Stockholders of the Kansas Natural Gas company appeared against the Kansas and Missouri public utilities commission before Judge Wilbur F. Booth, in the United States district court here today in an action brought by the company attacking the rate of 28 cents per 1,000 cubic feet fixed by the Missouri commission. The plaintiff company supplies gas to the city of Kansas, Oklahoma and a portion of Missouri.



## MARKET IS GLUTTED

Chicago Produce Centers Overloaded Prices Hit Rock Bottom.

Chicago, July 31.—Prices of many vegetables are "going to smash" in the Chicago market, wholesale dealers declared today.

"South Water street is flooded and smothered with lucious ripe tomatoes," said Edward G. Davies, representing several shipping associations.

Boxes of 22 pounds sold today for 35 or 40 cents. "If you buy them of your grocer and you have to pay 300 per cent profit—kick! The reason for this flood of tomatoes is the abnormally hot spring. They are ripening fast. Yesterday merchants were retailing baskets of tomatoes for 25 cents which today brought only 7 1/2 cents."

"Cucumbers which brought 15 cents each, retailed last week for 5 cents each, and are now so plentiful that some dealers call them penny goods."

PHONES NET \$1 MONTH  
Number Throat U. S. Increases 12 Per Cent in a Month.

Washington, July 31.—Telephone companies showed a profit of nearly \$100,000,000 in the first six months of 1917, according to compilation made public today by the interstate commerce commission. There were in service 7,495,479 telephones in March, an increase of approximately 12 per cent over March, 1916. Operating revenues totaled \$25,929,854, an increase of more than ten per cent within the year. Expenses increased from \$14,860,122 to \$17,448,433, leaving net operating revenue for March, 1917, of \$8,481,421. Taxes and other expenses reduced this figure to \$6,780,082 operating income for the month.

KANSAS FILLS QUOTA  
Sunflower State Is Seventeenth to Reach Objective.

Washington, July 31.—Kansas filled her quota of war volunteers for the regular army on Saturday, being the seventeenth state to reach the objective since the recruitment campaign was started on April 1. Reports for Saturday and Sunday, of 2,631 accepted, show 18,235 men now enlisted of the 152,958 needed.

HE DENIES HE'S DEAD  
"Quite Wrong," Cables St. Louis Surgeon in France, Reported Killed.

Cambridge, Mass., July 31.—Dr. John S. Young, of St. Louis, a member of the Harvard surgical unit that went to France last May, is alive. A rumor that he had been killed has been current. Herbert H. White, manager of the Harvard surgical unit today received this cable from France:

"Contradict rumor of my death. Quite wrong.—John S. Young."

Continue Deporting French.  
Havre, July 31.—Deportations of civilians from Mons, Belgium, continued today. The German government sending away 129 men on June 26, and 29 on June 28. It is probable they will be allowed to work on the German front in France.

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## GULLIVER



## WILL BE COOLER

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No rain was reported in Kansas. In the last 24 hours, the state is still bone dry and corn is reported as being literally burned up. The third cutting of alfalfa, too, has received a severe set back, according to local farmers this morning.

Monday night proved to be the hottest night of the year with a minimum temperature of 79 degrees, 1 degree above the low record mark of the last two nights. It was the fifth successive night in which the mercury stayed above the 75 mark, and from 5 to 10 degrees above the normal night temperatures for the season.

Following are the hourly temperatures for Monday night:

7 o'clock.....97 1 o'clock.....86  
8 o'clock.....94 2 o'clock.....85  
9 o'clock.....91 3 o'clock.....82  
10 o'clock.....89 4 o'clock.....82  
11 o'clock.....86 5 o'clock.....82  
12 o'clock.....87 6 o'clock.....79

Above 100 Mark Today.

Today promised to be nearly a record for heat, and probably a record for July 31 for the last thirty years. The mercury, according to the prediction will soar to nearly the 102 mark late this afternoon. It will be the sixth successive day with temperatures above the 100 mark.

The official forecast promises generally fair and continued high temperatures tonight and Wednesday. Not so warm Wednesday afternoon in north and west sections of the state.

The highest temperature on record for this date was 102 in 1897 and the lowest 56 in 1903.

WEATHER TABLE.

Station.	High.	Low.	Prev.	Wind.
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Indianapolis, Ind.	98	82	0	Fair
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